

June 23, 2003

Ref: 2976-22069

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
14,750' Sand, Reservoir A  
LAKE DECADE FIELD  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Castex Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 14,750' Sand, Reservoir A, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 280 acres for the 14,750' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 14750' RA SUA, Lake Decade Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the proposed unit;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The 14,750' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Decade Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 14,814 feet and 14,891 feet (electrical log measurements) in Castex Energy, Inc.-Laterre Co. Ltd. No. 27-2 Well, located in Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 15 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated June 11, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2003. No requests to confer were received with in writing or by telephone, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively schedule conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

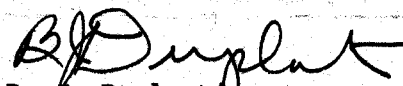
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 14,750' Sand, Reservoir A, Lake Decade Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette La 70505 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplant

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

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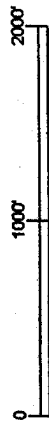
14750' RA SUA  
LATERRE CO. 27 No. 2  
± 280 ACRES

EXHIBIT NO.  
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

CASTEX ENERGY, INC.

LAKE DECADE FIELD  
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA  
PROPOSED UNIT  
14750' SAND



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